

The Father's Way

John 14:2-4 *"In My Father's house are many mansions, (dwellings) if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you.³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know."*

Many roads lead to spirituality, but only one way leads to the Father above, who shows the way to the eternal home His Son, Jesus, is preparing for us.

Whether we know Christ as our Lord and Savior or not, we are all spiritual beings with an inherent spirituality about us. Satan, himself is a spiritual being. He was one of the highest archangels closest to the Father. The question is, whose voice are you following? There are many voices of spirituality clamoring for our attention, but only one voice will lead us to the Father's way.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." He also said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me." When Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, who had lost their way, He said, "You are of your father, the devil, who speaks lies from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Let us not be like the Pharisees who lost their way and fell into the devil's ploys. Instead, let us be like sheep who consistently hear their Master's voice. To continually listen to the voice of our Shepherd requires a humble and contrite heart. Otherwise, we open ourselves up to the many deceiving voices from the father of lies.

Isaiah 66:2 *"For all these things My hand has made, and all those things exist," Says the Lord. "But on this one will I look: On Him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word."*

Two things mentioned in the passage above are necessary to find the Father's way and remain on it. The first is that of having a humble and contrite heart. The second is having incredible respect and love for His Word, which causes us to tremble.

Knowing the Father's thoughts and ways are much higher than ours, we must humbly submit to the Father of spirits and live. We must humble ourselves in His presence by dying to pride and ego. In doing so, we open our senses to hear the voice of the Shepherd as He speaks words of comfort while showing the way to His excellent treasure house in the heavens above.

The Father's way demands that we embrace the cross of Christ and all that it entails. At the entrance to the path leading to the Father's eternal home is a cross that must be picked up and carried before entry is allowed. As the apostle Paul said, this is something we do daily. We must now lose ourselves in Christ by embracing the cross.

Matthew 16:24-25 *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.²⁵ For whosoever desires to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

As we esteem His word more than our necessary food in the same way that Job did, we hold fast to the path that leads to our eternal home. The Father's way is continually made clear by trembling and clinging to His word. As His word becomes a lamp unto our feet, He makes our path bright to follow. With His path illuminated, we are not led astray by the many voices within our cultures that continually clamor and compete for our attention. We must be like David, who rejoiced in His word, knowing it would lead to great treasures.

Psalms 119:162 *I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure.*

Prayer

Father God, I come to You in humility, asking for help to keep me on the path that leads to the eternal home You have prepared for me all the days of my life. Please help me to stay humble and contrite in all that I do. Keep me as the apple of Your eye as I submit all my ways unto You.



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